Removal of a Trustee in the Major Ports

4142. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rule prevailing to remove a Trustee representing labour when he loses his position in the Union in all the major ports, including Paradip Port;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any information from the union and its parent organisation i.e. Federation with regard to a Trustee of Paradip Port Trust; and

(c) if so, what is the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE *MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT* (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Under Section 8(1) (aa) of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, the Central Government shall remove a Trustee if he has, in the opinion of the Central Government, ceased to represent the interest by virtue of which he was appointed or elected. Such opinion is formed on the basis of verification reports received from M/O Labour. Thereafter, show cause notice is issued to the trustee and after considering his representation, if any, final decision is taken by Central Government.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. After appointment of representative of Utkal Port & Dock Workers' Union as Labour Trustee w.e.f. 1-4-1992, there has been a split into two factions in the Union. Leaders of both the factions have been complaining against each other and claim to be the real office bearers of the union and have also gone to Court. The matter is subjudice.

Revival of Shipbuilding Industry

4143. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the package for revival of the shipbuilding industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The following steps are under consideration for revival of Indian Shipyards constructing ocean-going merchant vessels:—

(i) The price of an ocean-going vessel built at Indian Yards be fixed on the basis that the public sector Yard would participate in open tender and be permitted to match the lowest bid and thereafter be entitled to 30% extra price over the above price—20% being payable by the Government and 10% by the shipowner.

(ii) Loans at concessional rates of 9% to the extent of 80% of the cost of a ship may be given to shipping companies placing orders with Indian Yards.

(iii) Fixation of price in terms of US $/ Japanese Yen and the shipowner to pay each stage instalment to the shipyard at market determined parity rate of foreign exchange prevailing on the date of actual payment.

(iv) The subsidy to be released by Government will be paid along with the payments received by the shipyards for stage payments as per the prevailing market determined rate of exchange.

Harassment of People at Road Tax Office

4144. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that touts are openly working in the premises of Road Tax Office (RTO), Tilak Marg, New Delhi in connivance with officials of R.T.O. and no action is taken to clear the premises from such touts;

(b) as a consequence of (a) above, whether it is a fact that person(s) seeking licence from R.T.O. are facing acute problem and harassment from officials of court forcing them to approach the touts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that licences/ renewal of licence is immediately prepared, normally on the same day, if approach is made through touts; and

(d) whether Government would take urgent steps to clean the system and stop harassment of general public stating the time of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Some instances of touts working in the premises of the R.T.O., Tilak Marg have been noticed by the Government of National Capital Territory of